



## New Advertisements.

Waff! Waff! — Thor, Nitro, Grand Opening Ball of the Session, St. Paul's Church, Newmarket. Notice to Bolden & R. Powell, Postponed Sheriff's Sale, F. W. Jarvis, Christmas Toys — John Graham, New-Year's Day, 1862. Notice — C. & W. Durd. Valuable Real Estate for Sale — Geo. Stokes. Christmas Fruits — A. Souter. Tea Meeting, Aurora. War — A. Henderson. Two Lectures — E. F. Livingston.

The Newmarket Era, Newmarket, Friday, Dec 20, 1861.

## General Summary.

An Extra, criticising the Address in another column, will be issued this evening or tomorrow morning.

The proceedings of the last meeting of both Whitchurch and Boldon Landing Councils have been unavoidably crowded out. We shall give them next week.

Talking about opium, reminds us that Mr. James Nixon keeps constantly on hand a large stock, and is prepared to supply the retail trade at a moment's warning. His XX's are prime.

Those of our readers' designs of purchasing Christmas Toys or useful gifts, should call on our Paisley friend John Graham. He is now making a large addition to his stock, adapted to the wants of the season. See advertisement.

A correspondent from North Gwillimbury informs us, as a proof of the mildness of the season, that the frogs in Lake Simcoe were singing as gaily on the night of the 18th of December, as at any time during the past summer — a most unusual occurrence.

We are requested to announce that a Sabbath School Tea-party will take place at Queen'sville, on New Year's Day, in the M. E. Church. All friendly to the institution are cordially invited attend. Several speakers and a good choir have been engaged for the occasion.

M. J. M. Rakes, late of Holland Landing, writing to us from Baltimore, says — "The Rankin Lancers are now quartered at Fort Wayne and number about 700. F. Fox, Rosin, late Deputy Chief of Police, Toronto, is among the staff of officers." Mr. Rakes also informs us, that a large number of Canadians have enlisted under "Uncle Sam."

feared," &c. Is this "Liberal Conservatism?"

Alas! says, in speaking of Warren Hastings, that "if judged by no severe rules of morality" he was "bad man," and our contemporary, judging from the above, cannot possess the liberal and enlarged sentiments he would fain make his readers believe. To suit the major part of the people among whom he has cast his lot, he hangs upon the word "Reformer." Yes, he is a "Reformer" — a "Conservative Reformer" — even further, a "Liberal Conservative Reformer!"

And still the winter grew.

That small bird contained all he knew. After our contemporary relieves himself of the remaining epithets in his catalogue, and the various municipal elections are over so that we have time to enter upon a friendly discussion of principles — that is, as defined by the respective parties in the House of Assembly (and we will judge them by their votes),

we will prepared to do so, with pleasure; but if low personalities and calling of naughty names, is to be the ground work, we can belch forth to his heart's content, and we shall look upon it as a standing advertisement for our success, believing as we do, that praise from such a source would be a bad omen.

## Merry Christmas!

Another issue of the Era, Christmas Day will have passed; we therefore embrace the present opportunity to wish our numerous friends and patrons the compliments of the season, hoping they may long live to enjoy many happy returns.

Christians! How many fireside recollections the day brings back to our memory. How many homes are made to ring again with the welcome voices of returning members to the parental roof, on this joyous and festive occasion. With what delight we again enter upon familiar sports of days gone by; or unite our hearts and voices in singing good old songs of praise and thanksgiving, almost entirely forgotten. Merry Christmas: May the genial influences of the season be richly bestowed upon the patrons of the Era, is the ardent wish of the EDITOR.

We direct attention to an advertisement of a Lecture and Concert, also a Dramatic Performance, to take place on New Year's Day evening, in the Catholic Church, Newmarket. The subject of "Liberty" — the singing of the Cathedral Choir, and the children's improved performances, promise the best treat and deserve the largest attention.

The friends of the W. M. Church on the Newmarket and Aurora Circuit purpose holding a tea-party, at their Church in Aurora, on New Year's Day. Heretofore, the entertainments furnished have been quite successful, and we make no doubt the forthcoming party will maintain the former reputation of the locality. Besides a number of good speakers, a number of our friends are anxious to enliven the proceedings.

As the proceeds are to be devoted in liquidating the debt on the Circuit, the attendance will probably be very large, as it ought to be.

On Monday morning last, the Globe furnished its readers with the news of the Europa, a day sooner than any other morning paper in the Province — occupying the space of a column and a half of that journal. By referring to the synopsis we published in another column to-day, it will be seen that prospects look warlike. Another vessel with munitions is announced to sail for Canada. It is probable, however, that the American Government will deliver up Mason and Stedell, and thus at once open a rupture between the two powers.

In the last number of the Examiner we are charged with aing that "Wm. Robinson was the rejected of the North York." This is simply not true. He also says, "we iniquitously language used on a former occasion, in reference to Mr. Robinson applied to Capt. Armstrong." Here is another perversion of fact. We said, "If they apply, let them slide." Now, if the Examiner makes a wrong application to the public, it is not to himself, but to the friends of the locality.

There is, perhaps, no part of the history of England more devoid of interest than the narrative of the endless contention between the Whig and Tory factions, at the close of the 17th century; at the same time, there is no period which more clearly exhibits the utter worthlessness of faction, the inconsistencies and absurdities of party spirit, and the extent to which the real interests of the people may be neglected and injured when rival parties are struggling for power."

Now these sentiments we entirely endorse, and we will not ally ourselves to any man or set of men, whose only hope of political or local distinction rests upon the fostering of faction. The moral rectitude of the community, alike with the common justice of every well-wisher of the locality, demands that this species of fanaticism should be frowned down, in order that peace and prosperity may prevail.

Take a review of the history of the past three years of this village; see the systems of attraction and repulsion; the cohesion and sundering occasioned by this spirit being engendered; and, unfortunately for the rate-payers, of every new position this hydra-headed monster has assumed, it has gained strength and found favor. We hope the electors will be wise in time.

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and, after what has transpired, when a few leading spirits are seen banded together, working with such intense interest for the accomplishment of their ends, it necessarily excites suspicion that all is not right; and in this light we believe the new coalition will be viewed by the reasoning portion of the community. There are men upon that ticket, apart from the combination, to whom we have no objection; but there are others whom we suspect it would be detrimental to the best interests of our village, locally and politically, to be placed in the position of Councilmen.

## Warlike News.

Our foreign news to-day looks more warlike than ever. The law authorities in Britain have decided that the seizure of Mason and Stedell was illegal, and reparation has been demanded. On the other hand, reports from Washington seem to indicate that the American Government, acting by its officers, was confined to the visiting and searching of the mail packet. If any men of things believed to be contraband of war had been seized on board of her, the other course was to take her into port and submit the Prize Courts, which would hear evidence and arguments on both sides, and would have decided the case according to precedent and authorities. The Times observes that this proposition seems so clear that it requires only to be stated to obtain universal assent. The Cabinet meets on Friday to consider what action shall be taken. We do not wish to speculate as to what steps they may consider necessary. If Mason and Stedell were wrongly taken, they must be restored with sufficient apology.

The Post confirms the Times' statement.

The Shipping Gazette believes there is a possibility, but a remote one, that the Government may disown the act of Capt. Wilkes and even go to the length of releasing the Southern Commissioners, but if the demand is not complied with, a declaration of war on the part of England is inevitable.

## Arrival of the "City of Washington."

## CARE RACE, Dec. 15.

The City of Washington, from Liverpool, via Queenstown 5th, passed this point at 11 o'clock this (Sunday) morning and was hoisted by the News Yacht of the Associated Press.

The seizure of Mason and Stedell continues to monopolize the columns of the press, which continues to denounce the act as an insult to the strongest terms.

Active naval preparations are going on at the Government dock yards.

The ship Lady Franklin from London for New York put into Plymouth on the 3rd inst. She took fire the same night.

She was scuttled. There was Southern among the crew who were suspected of firing her.

It was asserted that the Australasian had been chartered to convey troops and a battery of artillery to Canada. She would sail about the 12th.

It was stated the James' Adger had captured a privateer off Foyal, on the 17th, and forced her into that port.

The partial effect of the Persia's news was sent per Europa. It was then regarded hopefully, and consols and cotton slightly improved, but after carefully digesting the sentiments of the American press on the San Jacinto affair, a reaction took place. Fears were entertained that the Washington Government would seek to justify the act.

Lord Lyon's instructions, on which the Cabinet was unanimous, are explicit and determined.

The Morning Post says the acknowledgement of the error and surrender of the prisoners will be received with great joy, but if the Federal Government fails,

not in England will blind his eyes to the alternative that England must do her duty.

The Times continues to assert that it has been Mr. Seward's policy to force

war with England. Both it and the Post call for energetic military preparations in Canada.

The 9th Indiana regiment fought bravely to the last. After driving the enemy into their barracks no less than five times our forces retreated in good order.

The rebels set fire to their camp and retreated to Staunton.

General Milroy has driven the last army out of Western Virginia.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 14.

A considerate number of vessels had been ordered to get ready for immediate commission.

The transport Melbourne would leave Woolwich for Halifax on the 5th with 30,000 stand of arms, large quantities of ammunition, and a battery of six Armstrong guns. She will be convoyed by the Orpheus, a 21-gun frigate.

The Warrior would be ready for foreign service immediately. Her destination depends upon the answer from Washington.

A Royal Proclamation prohibits the export of gunpowder and saltpeter, also nitrate of soda and brimstone. The shipment of rifle-arms for New York continued. Funds were steady on the 2nd, but fell a-half per cent on the 3rd.

LATER — The Royal Mail steamship Europa, Captain Anderson, from Liverpool at 30 m.p.h., Nov. 30, arrived at 11 p.m. to-day. She was detained at Queenstown twelve hours, leaving that port on the 2nd instant. She has 57 passengers and \$400,000 in specie for Boston and \$45,000 for Halifax.

The steamship Jura, from Quebec, arrived at Liverpool on the 29th.

LATEST — "Europa," via Queenstown, Liverpool, Nov. 10 — a.m. — The speculations of the American press on the San Jacinto affair are eagerly canvassed here, and the general deduction is that there is a less cause to fear a rupture between the two countries.

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to gain a standing ground for abandoning the design of subjugating herself."

The Times of the 30th ult. makes the important announcement that the Cabinet has come to the conclusion that the act of the capitulation of the San Jacinto of seizing passengers on a British vessel and carrying them forcibly away, in a clear violation of the law of nations, and one for which reparation must be demanded. In all probability the 31st ult. will carry out instructions to Lord Lyons to demand reparation for the ill-advised act of the crew of Stedell & Mason who, in their protection of the British flag.

Should this just demand not be complied with, we cannot doubt that Lord Lyons will under the instructions of his government, proceed to Washington.

The American Cabinet had resolved to pick a

quarrel with England. It made an eloquent oration in favor of the North.

A letter was received from Mr. Richard Cobden of a pacific tone, urging a suspension of judgment.

A letter from Gen. Scott, in favor of

maintaining friendly relations between

England and America, attracted much attention.

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE NEW YORK CHAMBER OF TRADE.

The American Cabinet had resolved to pick a may be, and the English newspaper is not taken as my true indication of the intention of that Government or Government has resolved that Mason and Stedell shall never be given up.

This may be relied upon as a fixed fact.

The British Minister gave a dinner this evening, at which quite a number of the diplomatic corps were present. Of course the exciting topic of the day, the seizure of Stedell and Mason, was discussed.

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TO THE  
People of Newmarket.  
E. F. LOVERIDGE,  
O F. Houston, Huron County, Texas,  
will deliver  
TWO LECTURES,  
IN THE  
"MECHANICS' HALL," Newmarket,  
On Monday and Tuesday evenings Dec.  
23rd and 24th instant.  
Subject, first Night: The Moral Causes  
and Social Consequences of the Ameri-  
can Civil War.  
Subject, second Night: Woman and Her  
Master—a lecture all married people,  
and all young people, would do well to  
hear.

67 N. B.—Mr. L. advocates no "Free  
Love," or any doctrine of an infidel, or  
imoral tendency.

ADMISSION—Cents, 20cts; Ladies  
10cts.

Mr. Loveridge will stop at the Rail-  
road Hotel, Newmarket, until Monday  
week, for the purpose of making

Electrical Examinations and  
Physical Analysis of Character,

By his pure, beautiful and mysterious sys-  
tem, which has commanded the wonder  
and admiration of hundreds of the most  
learned and unlearned in Upper Canada.

As Mr. L. can only remain one week in  
the place, those who wish to see him  
should call at once.

Terms for verbal Examination for Gen-  
tlemen, 30cts; for Ladies and Children,  
25cts. Written Charts: Gents \$1.00;  
Ladies, 75cts; Children, 50cts.

For Testimonials see Small Bills.

Newmarket, Dec. 19, 1861.

WAR! WAR!

MILITIA NOTICE!

ALL persons belonging to the Militia  
will acquire a formation as to the Act,  
as well as learn the tactics of fighting our  
neighbors, by calling at the subscriber's  
house, where he has

NEGRO CHILDREN

Very cheap, to make Christmas Presents,  
and other fancy things, suitable for the sea-  
son.

READY-MADE CLOTHING  
At city prices; Chain and other goods  
cheaper than ever.

A. HENDERSON.

Newmarket, Dec. 19, 1861.

CHRISTMAS TOYS

FOR EVERYBODY

FROM

Remote Corners and Cubbyholes  
of Christendom.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Will soon be here, and in order to be pre-  
pared to supply the wants of the

LITTLE FOLKS,

The subscriber has made a large addition to  
his stock of

TOYS AND FANCY GOODS

Intending purchasers will find it to their ad-  
vantage to call at the

UTILITARIAN STORE,

Before selecting elsewhere, as he is determined  
not to be undersold.

TEAS! TEAS!

A prime article, kept constantly on hand, and  
strict PRICES as cannot fail to give satis-  
faction.

JOHN GRAHAM.

Newmarket, Dec. 19, 1861.

New-Year's Day, 1862.

A L E C T U R E

ON LIBERTY, BY

PROF. M. O'KEEFFE

OF OSHAWA.

A CONCERT

BY

ST. MICHAEL'S CHOIR, TORONTO.

Dramatic Performances

BY the Pupils of the School, will take  
place in the Catholic Church, New-  
market, ON THE 1ST OF JANUARY, 1862.

AT 7 O'CLOCK, P.M.

ADMISSION, 25cts; CHILDREN, 12cts.

Newmarket, Dec. 19, 1861.

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Postponed Sheriff's Sale

ON SATURDAY the 21st of Dec. 1861,  
will be sold by Public Auction, at the  
RAILROAD HOTEL, NEWMARKET,

At 1 o'clock, p.m.

1 Span of Horses,  
Horses.

2 Wagons, Ploughs, &c.

The property of John Goss.

PROF. W. JARVIS,  
Sheriff.

The 17th Office, Toronto, 3

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NEW-YEAR'S DAY!

TEA MEETING!

A TEA-MEETING will be held (D.V.)

W. M. CHURCH AURORA,

On New-Year's Day, in aid of the Circuit

Funds.

The Service at Five o'clock, p.m.

Several Addresses will be delivered by

Eminent Speakers; and the services of a

GOOD CHOIR, 62

Have been secured for the occasion.

TICKETS—5cts, may be had at the Post

Office, Dec. 19, 1861.

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NOTICE!

THE subscriber is advertising back to their  
various customers and friends for the

Partnership, bestowed upon the last

year, take this opportunity to advise them

the Partnership existing between them will

be dissolved on the 1st of January, 1862, at 12

o'clock, p.m.

The subscriber will accept and note

to bring up by 12th January,

1862, from January 1st, April 1st, the above

premises will be rented.

GEORGE STOKES, Senr.

Mount Albert, Newland P. O.

Dec. 19, 1861.

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Notice to Builders.

PERSONS willing to contract for the exec-  
ution of a

PLANK SCHOOL HOUSE,

to School Section No. 1, East Gwillimbury,  
may apply to the subscriber, and receive a

description of drawings and specifications

of the fact.

A. J. McCracken,

Newmarket, Nov. 28, 1861.

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MOVED.

THE subscriber begs to announce to the

inhabitants of Newmarket and the ad-  
joining country, that he has removed to

the old island formerly occupied by Mr.

Clay, Wright, known as the

BLACK HORSE INN,

where he will found a choice assortment of

Wines, Liqueurs, &c., constantly on hand.

Also, good Stables, and an attentive horse-

in attendance.

REUBEN POWELL,

Becty-Tress

Newmarket, December 19, 1861.

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Cutters and Stoves.

Exchange for Wood. Apply at the New-

market Foundry.

CHARLES DOAN,

WILLIAM DOAN.

Dec. 6, 1861.

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## CHRISTMAS FRUITS!

## Christmas Groceries!

## Christmas Wines &amp; Liquors!!

## CURRANTS, RAISINS,

## TEAS, COFFEE,

## SUGAR, CANDIED PEELS,

## AND

## FAMILY GROCERIES,

## CALL ON

## ALEX. SOUTER,

## Wholesale &amp; Retail

## Grocer &amp; Liquor Dealer,

## MAIN STREET,

## NEWMARKET.

The subscriber has on hand a stock of ex-  
cellent

## PURE BRANDIES,

## GIN,

## BORBON WHISKEY,

## PORT &amp; SHERRY WINES,

## BOTTLING ALES,

## AND PORTER,

## Constantly on hand

## SOUTER'S GINGER WINE,

## Manufactured from the best Jamaica Gin-

## —

## ALEX. SOUTER.

## Nearly opposite the Rail Road Hotel,

## Newmarket, Dec. 19, 1861.

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## TO THE INDEPENDENT

## ELECTORS

## OF THE

## Municipality of Newmarket.

## GENTLEMEN—

## As the Municipal Council will

## be called upon to render an

## account of their

## stewardship of the

## expenses of their

## year, it will be

## the duty of the

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